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In connection with the U.S. patent application identified above, applicant wishes to draw to the examiner's attention the following art, all of which was identified in the International Search Report mailed August 22, 2002 in connection with International Application No. PCT/CA01/01677, entitled SURFACE TREATMENT OF AUSTENITIC Ni-Fe-Cr-BASED ALLOYS FOR IMPROVED RESISTANCE TO INTERGRANULAR CORROSION AND INTERGRANULAR CRACKING.

Applicant states that each item of information contained in the present Information Disclosure Statement was cited in the aforesaid communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement.

A copy of each item is attached hereto and it is requested that each of these items be considered, made of record in the prosecution history of the application, and appear among the references cited on any patent to issue from the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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